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Diwan Bahadur R. N. Arogyaswami Mudaliyar :—" With reference to the answer to clause (*e*), seeing that obviously there is a considerable falling off in the number of boats plying in the canal which only shows that the canal is not fit for proper use, may I know what the Government propose to do to make the canal more efficient ? "

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G Campbell :—" I do not think there is any special proposal before the Government at the present moment."

Diwan Bahadur R. N. Arogyaswami Mudaliyar :—" Do the Government propose to take measures to make the canal as fit as it was in the year 1900 or so ? "

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell :—" As far as I am aware, the canal is being maintained now as efficiently as in those years."

Diwan Bahadur R. N. Arogyaswami Mudaliyar :—" Then, may I know why the traffic has been falling ? "

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell :—" Probably it is due to the competition with railway and other means of communication."

Diwan Bahadur R. N. Arogyaswami Mudaliyar :—" But the railway was there even in the year 1900 ? "

Floods

Relief to the depressed classes affected by floods in the Madras City and Chingleput.

11-15 a.m. * 347 *Q.*—Mr. H. M. Jagannatham : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the extent of damage that was caused to the people of the City of Madras and Chingleput especially to the members of the depressed classes by the recent cyclone and floods ;

(*b*) what assistance the Government have rendered in this connexion to the sufferers in the City similar to that given in Coimbatore and other districts ; and

(*c*) whether the Government propose to give special relief to the sufferers of the depressed classes through the Labour Department or other suitable agency ?

A.—(*a*) A detailed report has been called for about the extent of the damage caused by the floods in the City of Madras. A copy of the report from the Collector of Chingleput showing the extent of the damage done by the floods in the Chingleput district is annexed.[a]

(*b*) & (*c*) The answer to (*c*) is ' Yes ' ; the attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to clause (*b*) of question No. 142.

Mr. Abdul Hameed Khan :—" May I know whether the Government have called for a report only in regard to a particular community, or have they called for a general report ? "

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[a] Printed as Appendix I on pages 769—771 *infra*.

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The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL :—" We have called only for a general report."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—" May I know whether the hon. the Revenue Member will call for a report with reference to any particular community ? ',

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL :—" No, Sir."

Irrigation

Progress of the Tungabhadra project.

* 348 *Q.*—Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the site of Tungabhadra reservoir has been finally settled ;

(*b*) when Government expect to have the complete estimates for the project ; and

(*c*) whether irrigation in Anantapur and Dharmavaram taluks of the Anantapur district will be provided for ?

A.—(*a*) No.

(*b*) The final estimates cannot be prepared until an agreement has been reached with the other Governments concerned in regard to the utilization of the waters of the Tungabhadra and the site for a reservoir.

(*c*) The question has not yet been finally decided.

Diwan Bahadur M. GOPALASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" May I know why, in view of the fact that the correspondence with the other Governments, especially so with the Hyderabad State, takes a long time, the Government should not carry out the scheme as recommended by the Ceded Districts Irrigation Committee, when the site has been settled and the plans also are ready ? "

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL :—" The reason why the Government cannot carry out the scheme at once is because that scheme also affects the lands belonging to other Governments, and without their consent this Government cannot proceed with the scheme."

Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" May I know whether the site also is under consideration ? Is it not a fact that Government have already pitched upon Malappuram as the final site ? "

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL :—" No, Sir."

Maintenance of a high level of water at the Godavari anicut.

* 349 *Q.*—Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR : Will the hon the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any estimates are being prepared for works necessary to maintain at the Godavari anicut a higher level of water for irrigation than at present ; and

(*b*) if so, whether any provision has been made for this in the budget for 1931–32 ?